

Wednesday - 16 February 1949

1. Discussed S. 961 with Gen. Mudge and Mr. Chambers, S.Armed Ser. Comm. Staff. They suggested possibility of eliminating bill and reducing it to language substantially that of Sec. 7(b) of present draft. They are to explore this with Mr. Fisher, General Counsel of GAO, and Mr. Schaub of Bur. of the Budget, and also with House Comm. staff.

2. Discussed above with Deputy Director and Director. The Director authorized me to negotiate to the fullest on this proposal. However, he is anxious that visa provision be retained in some form.

3. Conferred further with Gen. Mudge, pointing out the difficulties in his proposal. After his discussion with Mr. Schaub, he concluded that this proposal should not be attempted now. Mr. Chambers talked with Roger Jones, legislative staff of the B. of B., who was in favor of such a proposal. However, it was agreed to go ahead with the bill as presently planned. Amendments desired by the Committee staff were considered, these consisting largely of drafting and not of substance.

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4. Additional changes in the bill were discussed with Mr. Blandford, H. Armed Ser. Comm. staff, who furnished me with the questions to be asked of the Deputy Director when he testifies on Friday.

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